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The Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations Office and other international bodies based in Geneva presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to request the circulation as an official document of the text annexed to this note.

The Permanent Mission would be grateful if the text could be translated into the official languages of the United Nations before circulation.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Official communiqué No. 14/95

The Peruvian Government today received an official communication from the Government of France notifying it of the forthcoming resumption of nuclear tests in the South Pacific.

The Peruvian Government protests vigorously against this decision by the Government of France, which is a serious setback to the international community's consistent efforts to bring about a complete halt to nuclear testing and the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons by means of appropriate international agreements.

Considering, furthermore, that the resumption of these nuclear tests will cause irreparable damage to the environment, Peru urges the French Government to reconsider, in keeping with its policy of favouring international peace, disarmament and environmental protection.

The Peruvian Government also wishes to announce it is in contact with other Governments, given the serious impact of this decision on the international community.

Lima, 13 June 1995

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